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C O N F I D E N T I A L USDEL FRANCE 06166

FOR D/ PW, MR. SIEVERTS; DOD PW/ MIA, DR. SHIELDS;
DA, DAAG- PS; NAKHON, JCRC.

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SUBJECT: MIA CRASH- SITE INSPECTION (U)

1. DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE RECENTLY VISITED BY
MR. D. C. DAWSON, BROTHER OF FORMER ARMY LT
DANIEL G. DAWSON - AIRCRAFT SHOOT- DOWN FATALITY IN
SVN ON 6 NOV 1964. MR. DAWSON IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS
TO LOCATE THE GRAVESITE OF HIS BROTHER IN ORDER TO
ARRANGE FOR REPATRIATION OF REMAINS.

2. DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS MR. DAWSON CONFIRMED THAT
HE VISITED VIETNAM IN LATE 64-65 IN AN ATTEMPT TO
GAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS BROTHER, WAS CAPTURED
AND HELD BY THE VC FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS.
DAWSON CLAIMS THIS EXPERIENCE, TOGETHER WITH A
FAMILIARITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, AS A RESULT OF HIS
SEARCH ACTIVITIES, ENABLED HIM TO IDENTIFY LOCATION
OF THE DETENTION CAMP DURING DEBRIEF BY US AUTHORITIES.
THIS DEBRIEF WAS CONDUCTED IN SAIGON, PROBABLY IN 1965.
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3. MR. DAWSON HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PRG
REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS, PRINCIPALLY LY VAN SAU

(PRG PRESS SPOKESMAN), IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN ANY POSSIBLE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO LOCATE HIS BROTHER' S GRAVE. HIS INQUIRIES WERE MET WITH STATEMENTS OF NON- AVAILABILITY OF SUCH INFORMATION IN PARIS AND A SUGGESTION THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT PRG REPRESENTATIVES IN SVN.

4. MR. DAWSON IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS A RIVER BOAT CAPTAIN, BY THE TIDEX CORP (DRILLING EQUIP), IN WARRI, NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA. HE IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO SVN IN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND RECLAIM BROTHER' S REMAINS, BUT WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO NIGERIA FROM FRANCE. HE WAS SOMEWHAT VAGUE ABOUT FUTURE PLANS.

5. FOR DA (DAAG- PS). MR. DAWSON WAS PROVIDED THE ADDRESS OF THE CASUALTY DIVISION, PERSONNEL SERVICES SUPPORT DIRECTORATE, OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, AS A POINT OF CONTACT. HE HAS INDICATED HIS INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT HIS BROTHER AND TO PROVIDE ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE ONCE CRASH- SITE INSPECTION OPERATIONS ARE INITIATED.

6. FOR JCRC. IF HIS EXPERIENCES ARE AUTHENTIC, HE COULD POSSIBLY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING DETENTION CAMPS AND CRASH SITES.
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